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Whereas, the London Times, of June 18th, publishes a correspondence between the Rev. Moncure D. Conway and J. M. Mason, (both of Virginia,) — the latter Emissary and Envoy of the Confederate States, — in which Mr. Conway declares: —

[Extract.]

And whereas, the public may infer from this statement, that Mr. Conway represents or is authorized to speak for the Abolitionists of this country, we — the Executive Committee of the American Anti-Slavery Society — deem it our duty to declare that he has no authority from this Society, nor, as we believe, from any member of it, or any sympathizer with it, to make any such offer, — or, indeed, to enter into any conference with any one on national affairs; and that his visit to England, as far as we can learn, was entirely of his own motion, and that he was neither sent by the Abolitionists, nor is in any just sense their representative.

And while we have not the slightest doubt of Mr. Conway's zealous intentions to serve the cause of impartial liberty at home and abroad, — esteem him for what he has said and done so heroically and effectively in behalf of the millions in bondage, to his own outlawry from his native State, — and believe the sole object of his correspondence with Mr. Mason was to unmask more clearly to the people of Europe the slaveholding designs of the Confederate States as the only ground and motive of their rebellion, — we, nevertheless, utterly repudiate his action in this particular as ill-judged and unwarrantable; deeming our Government wholly in the right in this struggle, and its success the best hope for all races and all interests on this continent; and regarding any other overture to the Confederate States, except that of immediate and unconditional submission, to be equally uncalled for and mischievous.

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